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Judge Eric L. Lipman:

I would like to comment on the proposed rule changes regarding additional documents presented to determine location and eligibility to vote in precinct.

I have been an election judge for several presidential and local elections in Maple Grove. Each time I go to the required training, a significant amount of the training involves registration of new voters. Regardless of the training provided, there is confusion about what can be used to demonstrate that the new voter is living in the precinct. I would like to see the process simplified for both the voter and the election judge. I also believe that adding the documents suggested would cut down on the need for the new voter to bring along a person to vouch for the new voter.

It makes sense to me as an election judge to allow for separate authentication of the voter using multiple documents. IDs issued by other states or institutions with a picture are much better than a yellow license form without a picture. We honor other states licenses for driving in the state. I see no reason not to honor them to prove identity. We for sure should recognize state institutions' IDs as valid.

The other documents seems reasonable as proof of location. Election judges are fairly familiar with those documents as they are usually either renters or homeowners themselves.

Again these proposed changes should cut down the need for someone to vouch for the new voter. This simplifies the process for the voter and cuts down on the paperwork for the election judge who has to fill out the "Voucher Form" every time vouching is done. It will also speed up the process of getting people thru the lines to cast their ballot which is the objective of going out to vote. New voter registration is a significant bottleneck in getting people a ballot so they can vote.

As an election judge and a voter, I am in favor of making the process easier for all involved. I want all eligible voters to participate in the election process. Thank you.

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